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Senate No. SJR0102 By Cohen

A RESOLUTION to honor Nikki McCray for being named the 1995 Southeastern Conference Women's Basketball Player of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is important to honor those persons who through their athletic endeavors are an inspiration to others, their community and state; and

WHEREAS, one such person is University of Tennessee women's basketball star Nikki McCray, who, for the second consecutive year, has won the F.M. Williams Memorial Award as Southeastern Conference Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, as a senior for the Lady Vols, this Collierville native displayed her usual athletic prowess on the hardwoods, leading the nation's second-ranked team in scoring with an average of 15.3 points per game, pulled down an average of 5.5 rebounds and made 51 steals in helping Tennessee to a 27-1 record and a third straight unbeaten regular season in the SEC; and

WHEREAS, basketball is not the only area in which this multi-talented sports star has attained excellence, as she has already earned her undergraduate degree in sports management and is currently in graduate school; and

WHEREAS, Nikki McCray is a primary reason the Lady Vols, under the direction of Coach Pat Head Summitt, are poised to make a run at yet another NCAA women's basketball championship; and

WHEREAS, a leading Naismith Award candidate this year and a consensus All-American pick last year, Nikki has become a leader with intense defensive play who her teammates look to in pressure game situations; and

WHEREAS, described by Coach Summitt as a "player of influence in every phase of the game who leads by example and will not be denied", Tennessee's coaches never "go into practice wondering if Nikki is motivated"; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body is proud to recognize those gifted persons who through their outstanding accomplishments personify the very essence of a student athlete; now, therefore.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Nikki McCray for winning the F.M. Williams Memorial Award as SEC Player of the Year, extending to her our best wishes for a successful future on the hardwoods.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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